the functioning of TUFS through Technical Advisory-Cum-Monitoring Commitee (TAMC) and Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee (IMSC). The Government has carried out the work of evaluation of TUFS through a private agency namely *i.e.* M/s. KSA Technopak (India) Private Limited and they have submitted their report. The said report reveals that there is:

* Increase in Productivity,
* Reduction in Cost,
* Reduction in Wastage,
* Improvement in Unit Value realization (UVR) in domestic and export market,
* Increase in Domestic/Export Turnover
* Increase in Net Profit Points

(c) (i) As on 30.09.2006, 5649 applications have been sanctioned with a project cost of Rs. 47217 crore and amount sanctioned is Rs. 20273 crore and Rs. 12673 crore have been disbursed in respect of 4892 applications.

(ii) Under TUFS only state-of-the-art/near state-of-the-art technology has been installed, thus, improving the over all technology level of the different segments of the industry.

(iii) TUFS has resulted in improvement in productivity and quality as well as reduction in cost and wastage consequently improvement in profitability of the industry.

(iv) The TUFS has facilitated overall growth of the industry placing it on the trajectory of accelerated growth with 9 percent rate of growth in fabric and 24 percent in dollar terms in export during 2005-2006.

(d) No decision has been taken as regard extension or otherwise in respect of Technology Upgradaiton Fund Scheme (TUFS).

Conversion of handlooms into powerlooms

860. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the development of powerlooms and the handlooms during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is fact that the funds allotted for powerlooms is much less than the handlooms, even though the productivity of powerlooms is much more than handlooms;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to convert handlooms into powerlooms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) The allocation of funds for the powerloom and the handloom sectors for the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sector	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Powerlooms	10.96	17.64	31.87
Handlooms	220.52	241.47	261.27

(b) and (c) The fund allocated to both the sectors is need-based.

(d) and (e) No Sir. There is no proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Textiles for conversion of handlooms into powerlooms. However, there is no restriction to convert handlooms into powerlooms.

Employment Generation in textiles sector

861. SHRI JANARADHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a scheme to generate a minimum of five lakh assured employment opportunities to BPL rural families in the textile sector; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.